



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
3RD SQUADRON 61ST CAVALRY REGIMENT
4TH BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION
FORT CARSON, CO 80913



Commander, 3rd Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment
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Future Destroyer:

Welcome to the 3rd Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment (3-61 CAV). 3-61 CAV is the only cavalry squadron in the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division and is primarily responsible for the brigade's reconnaissance effort. With an emphasis on Soldier proficiency in all Warrior and MOS specific tasks, 3-61 CAV remains the premier combat unit within the brigade. The Destroyer Squadron's outstanding performance is the result of its Soldiers' dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work.

The 61st Cavalry traces its lineage to the Second World War, when it was activated in August 1941 as the 601st Tank Destroyer Battalion. Following WWII, the battalion was inactivated and re-designated several times until 2004, when the unit was re-designated as the 61st Cavalry. The squadron has deployed three times since August 2004. It deployed to Iraq from Korea in 2004-2005, to Baghdad from 2006-2008 for 15 months, and most recently to Afghanistan for 12 months. In May 2009, the squadron deployed to the remote eastern Afghanistan provinces of Nuristan and Kunar in support of Operation Enduring Freedom X.

3-61 CAV is located on the east end of Fort Carson main post. Fort Carson is situated at the southern end of Colorado Springs. Peterson Air Force Base, the United States Air Force Academy, and Schriever Air Force Base are all located within a 30 mile radius, and a strong military community spans the length of the city. Colorado Springs is especially vibrant, and its population of 700,000 enjoys many outdoor attractions. If you enjoy the outdoors, there are hiking and mountain-biking trails, fishing holes, and camping spots.

In sum, the quality of life at Fort Carson and in Colorado Springs is excellent, and we are confident you will enjoy your time here. We look forward to meeting you upon your arrival.

"FORGING DESTINY!"

Sincerely,

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